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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BOSCH DEPORTATION

REF: STATE 251567

1. I SAW PRESIDENT 7:30 PM. AFTER LISTENING TO MY REQUEST IN TERMS OF REFTEL, HE SAID FOLLOWING: I COULD ASSURE MY GOVT OF HIS ABSOLUTE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR STAND ON TERRORISM AND HIS WILLINGNESS AND EAGERNESS TO COOPERATE. AS TO BOSCH, HE UNDERSTANDS BOSCH IS IN VENEZUELA, THAT HE ENTERED CLANDESTINELY BUT WAS DETECTED. BOSCH HAS, HE SAID, BEEN PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHILEAN JUNTA. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT BOSCH CLAIMS TO HAVE DONE SOME JOBS FOR DINA, THAT THE CORU GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LEIGHTON ATTACK IN ITALY AND THAT BOSCH STATED HE HAD GONE TO COSTA RICA TO KILL PASCAL ALLENDE. BOSCH NOW SAYS, THE PRESIDENT WENT ON, THAT HE HAS STOPPED WORKING FOR DINA, BUT THAT THE NOVO BROTHERS WHO ARE IN THE US ARE STILL DOING SO AND THAT IT WAS THE NOVO BROTHERS WHO ORGANIZED THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION.

2. GIVEN ALL OF THIS, PRESIDENT SAID, WHAT HE WANTED TO DO WAS TO HAVE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON BOSCH AND WHAT HE HAS BEEN SAYING PULLED TOGETHER FOR HIM SO THAT HE CAN ASSESS WHETHER IT IS MORE USEFUL (SE CONVIENE) TO RELEASE HIM TO US NOW OR TO KEEP HIM AS A SOURCE TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION. THE PRESIDENT THEN VENTED HIS IRE ON THE CHILEAN JUNTA WHICH HE SAID WAS GETTING JUST LIKE TRUJILLO AND WORSE. SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE. IF

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THERE WAS NOTHING FURTHER TO BE GAINED FROM BOSCH HE WOULD

RELEASE HIM TO US GLADLY SINCE THEY DID NOT WANT HIM.

3. I REPEATED THAT WE WERE ANXIOUS TO GET HIM, THAT WE HAD TO ACT AGAINST VIOLATORS OF OUR NEUTRALITY LAWS AND THAT THE POSSIBILITY BOSCH KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT THE CUBAN PLANE CRASH ADDED URGENCY TO THE SITUATION. I URGED THAT HE BE DEPORTED TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD BUT THAT HE HAD TO ASSESS THE VALUE OF HOLDING BOSCH HERE. HE SAID PERHAPS INFORMATION WOULD BE DEVELOPED USEFUL TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS OR THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS COULD COOPERATE TOGETHER TO DEVELOP SOMETHING (OBVIOUSLY WITH REFERENCE TO CHILE AND LETELIER). HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION COMPILED AND COLLATED AND THAT HE WOULD CALL ME ON MONDAY. HE AGAIN ASKED ME TO ASSURE MY GOVERNMENT THAT HE WANTS TO COOPERATE. I EXPLAINED THAT WE WANTED TO SEND US MARSHALS TO ESCORT BOSCH BACK, AND THAT I WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS TO DEPORTATION SO ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE.

4. PEREZ IS OBVIOUSLY OBSESSED WITH THE CHILEAN ANGLE; THE TRUJILLO REFERENCE AND ALL THAT THAT MUST SUMMON UP IN THE VENEZUELAN MIND AND MEMORY IS REVEALING. HE WAS FLAT IN HIS STATEMENT THAT THE NOVO BROTHERS KILLED LETELIER. SINCE HE MAY IN FACT WANT TO SHARE INFORMATION OR ASK WHAT WE MAY HAVE FOUND OUT IN OUR INVESTIGATION, I WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL ME SO THAT I CAN DISCUSS THE MATTER INTELLIGENTLY IF HE RAISES IT AGAIN ON MONDAY.

5. IN VIEW OF ALL THE FOREGOING I CONSIDER IT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT WE ARE SEEKING BOSCH'S DEPORTATION BE PASSED TO TRINIDADIAN OR GUAYANES AUTHORITIES (OR ANYONE ELSE). IF IT LEAKS OUT OR GETS BACK TO CAP HE WILL BLOW HIS STACK.
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